Constitutional Dialogue in Common Law Asia

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ABSTRACT
The 'dialogue' metaphor has been commonly used to characterize the interaction between legislatures and courts on rights-interpretation. In this discussion of his sole-authored Oxford University Press monograph, 'Constitutional Dialogue in Common Law Asia', Dr. Yap Po Jen will demonstrate why and how 'dialogic' judicial review should take place in the dominant-party democracies of Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Singapore. In essence, 'dialogic' judicial review promotes a form of deliberative democracy, a model which eschews the rule of judges as philosopher kings, but also one that holds the promise of transformative change beyond the confines of the ballot box. Assistant Professors Jaclyn Neo and Swati Jhaveri will also be commenting on the book.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER
Dr Yap Po Jen is an Associate Professor at The University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Law, where he specializes in Constitutional and Administrative law. He graduated from the National University of Singapore with an LLB degree and he obtained LLM qualifications from both Harvard Law School and University College London. He also has a PhD degree from the University of Cambridge. He is an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore and an Attorney at Law in the State of New York (USA). He is the author of over 45 articles, book chapters, and case commentaries. His sole authored monograph, 'Constitutional Dialogue in Common Law Asia', was published by Oxford University Press in 2015. He is the sole editor of another forthcoming monograph, 'Judicial Review of Elections in Asia', which would be published by Routledge UK in April 2016.

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